

Attorney Docket No. P-408

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Taylor et al.

Art Unit: 1636

#8

Serial No. 09/802,446

Examiner: Loeb, B.

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Confirmation No.: 7041

For: Chromatographic Method for
RNA Stabilization

RESPONSE/ELECTION

Assistant Commissioner
For Patents
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

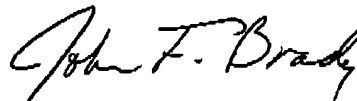
This is responsive to the Office Action mailed on 07/20/02 in which there was a requirement for election of a single disclosed species in each of three elements, namely, a separation medium selected from those recited in claims 12-19 and 29, a counterion agent selected from those recited in claims 23-25, and a mobile phase selected from those recited in claims 20-22.

Applicant elects the following species in each of the three elements without traverse for prosecution on the merits: silica separation medium, triethylammonium acetate counterion agent, and mobile phase that includes acetonitrile as organic solvent.

If anything further is required, the Examiner is encouraged to call the attorney of record.

Respectfully submitted,

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